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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

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SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A) FIRST OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE EXPANDED TRADE AND INVEST-MENT OPPORTUNITIES (UNDER III IN REFTEL) WITH ELIMINA-TION OF SUB-POINT THREE CONCERNING "LABOR-INTENSIVE INDUSTRY." WE HAVE NO (RPT NO) PRACTICAL MEANS OF EN-COURAGING SUCH INDUSTRIES.

B) OBJECTIVE II SHOULD BE "TO DEVELOP CHANNELS OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER KEY GOTT POLICY MAKERS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. SUCH CHANNELS HAVE BEEN ONLY SPORADICALLY AVAILABLE IN THE PAST WITH RESULT THAT SYSTEMATIC AND CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON SUCH ISSES (PARTICULARLY POLITICAL) HAS BEEN LACKING. SUB-POINTS OF YOUR RECOMMENDED OBJECTIVES I AND IV SHOULD BE INCORPORATED UNDER THIS OVERALL OBJECTIVE EXCEPT THAT HOPE FOR ACTIVE GOTT SUPPORT ON PUERTO RICO IS, IN MY JUDGEMENT, ILLUSIONARY AND IN ALL LIKELIHOOD UNOBTAINABLE. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, CONTINUE SEEKING MEANS TO ASSURE THAT GOTT FULLY UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION ON PUERTO RICO.

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C) OBJECTIVE III SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY AND TO DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS TO PM WILLIAMS (OBJECTIVE II IN REFTEL).

D) OBJECTIVE IV SHOULD BE SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION (OBJECTIVE V IN REFTEL) EXCEPT FOR MODIFICATION IN

SUB-POINT THREE. AIM HERE IS NOT SO MUCH "TO EXPRESS
HOPE" AS IT IS ENCOURAGE ICREASED GOTT'S PARTICIPATION
IN PROGRAMS FOR CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT.
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